MASTER'S THESIS EXAMINER REPORT
IEPS – International Economic and Political Studies
Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Thesis title:	Chinese influence in the Western Balkans: comparison with examples from Asia and Africa
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Criteria	Definition	Maximum	Points
Major Criteria			
	Contribution and argument (quality of research and analysis, originality)	**50**	45
	Research question (definition of objectives, plausibility of hypotheses)	**15**	12
	Theoretical framework (methods relevant to the research question)	**15**	10
Total		*80*	67
Minor Criteria			
	Sources, literature	**10**	6
	Presentation (language, style, cohesion)	**5**	4
	Manuscript form (structure, logical coherence, layout, tables, figures)	**5**	3
Total		*20*	13
TOTAL		*100*	80

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Reviewer's commentary according to the above criteria (min. 1800 characters including spaces when recommending a passing grade, min. 2500 characters including spaces when recommending a failing grade):

The extent, depth, and implications Chinese influence in the Western Balkans is an important and very interesting topic to analyse. The contribution of the author, in this context, seems very beneficial and up to date. Author has demonstrated knowledge of the research field and his thesis has showed his ability to work with all kind of informative sources and literature. Author quotes very extensive, relevant and recent literature which shows that the author has a profound knowledge of the literature, stats, data, documents, internet resources concerning the topic. However, I definitely miss a page numbering of the citations when cited in a full throughout the text and formal flaws in the text.

Technical structure of the text is transparent: it starts with theoretical part- theoretical deliberation and analysis of the topic and present the methodology and structure that will be used. Content of the topic itself is analysed in 2 more chapters. The division in chapters is logical, all the chapters are divided into paragraphs in a correct manner. The argumentation is structured correctly and really easy to follow, so the thesis fulfills all the criteria set to M.A. program according to the standards of the Institute of Political Science.

As an insufficiency of the work I consider its simplism in some of its parts, lack of interconnection among individual paragraphs or chapters. Still, this thesis brings a lot of interesting information and conclusion is also very easy to follow an analysis throughout the work.

Proposed grade (A-B-C-D-E-F): B-C

Suggested questions for the defence are:

I (do not) recommend the thesis for final defence.

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51 – 60	E	= low pass at a margin of failure
0 – 50	F	= failing. The thesis is not recommended for defence.